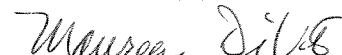


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-18, 29-59, 70-100 and 111-123, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.